Acquisition of Missiles Equipped Sub-Marine

2507. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to acquire Missiles equipped sub-marine from Russia; and

(b) if so, by when the delivery is expected?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE **(SHRI GEORGE** FERN ANDES): (a) and (b) A missile capable submarine has already been commissioned in the Indian Navy recently.

Sea Bird Project

2508. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress made in the execution of Sea Bird Project of the Indian Navy;

(b) whether it is a fact that the cost of the project has been increased manifold since its initiation;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when, the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) In 1985, the Government have approved the creation of Phase-I of Naval Base under Project Sea Bird at an initial approximate cost of Rs. 350 crores (1985 price level), which was to be firmed up on completion of Detailed Project Report (DPR) by the Consultants. The Master Plan and DPR were prepared by the Consultants and submitted in August, 1990. Based on the DPR, approval for Phase-I of the Project at a cost of Rs. 1294.41 crores was granted in October, 1995, with scheduled completion in the year 2005.

The Marine works contract was concluded with the consortium comprising Mt Hocktief of Germany, Mfc Ballast Nedam of

Netherlands and Ms Larsen and Toubro of India on 18th August, 1999. Contractor has mobilised the equipment and preliminary works of removal of overburden, quarry operation, grizzly installation, construction of roads and work harbour etc. are in advanced stage of completion. Dredging for breakwaters is scheduled to commence after monsoon. M£ Redecon-Nedeco is the consultants for the marine works, who are presently on site to supervise the execution of work.

The contract for consultancy services for the onshore works consisting of technical infrastructure, Administrative and Logistic facilities and Township has already been concluded with Ms MECON. Site survey and updating of detailed Project Reports is in progress by Mfc MECON.

As per the project planning, the project is scheduled to be completed in 2005 AD.

Compulsory Short Term Military Training

2509. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:

SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a compulsory short-term military training is proposed *to* be started for the youth to impart a sense of patriotism;

(b) if so, the details of the scheme; and

(c) by when it is to be started?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.